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SUBJECT: SECOND EAST-WEST TRADE UNION CONFERENCE

REF: A) GENEVA 887; B) GENEVA 1008

1. SUMMARY: CONFERENCE PRODUCED TWO NON-CONTROVERSIAL

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DECLARATIONS ON SUBJECTS OF HUMANIZATION OF WORK AND TOXIC

SUBSTANCES (FINAL TEXTS WILL BE POUCHED) AND AGREED THAT DESIRABILITY OF FURTHER CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR ON SAME SUBJECTS SHOULD BE EXPLORED. PRESENT AD HOC ADMINISTRATIVE OR LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS ARE TO CONTINUE UNCHANGED. NOTEWORTHY WERE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS (44 EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CENTERS WERE REPRESENTED) AND FACT THAT THE HALF-DAY SESSIONS WERE CHAIRED IN ROTATION BY SPONSORS, THUS ALLOWING SOVIET WORKER MEMBER OF ILO GOVERNING BODY TO CHAIR AFTERNOON SESSION FEBRUARY 28. END SUMMARY.

2. NOTEWORTHY AMONG PARTICIPANTS WAS PORTUGUESE INTERSINDICAL (A. RANA, A. MARTINS, F. MARQUES AND MRS. J. VILAR). GREEK NATIONAL CENTER WAS INVITED BUT DID NOT ATTEND. SPONSORS REPORTEDLY EXTENDED INVITATION TO PORTUGUESE AND GREEKS AT INSISTENCE OF SUNDE OF NORWEGIAN LO. FOUR INTERNATIONALS SENT OBSERVERS: ICFTU (FRISO AND SUSSEX); WCL (FONTENEAU AND VITTORI); ETUC (KULAKOWSKI); AND WFTU (E. PASTORINO, P. GENSOUS, A. MASETTI, R. MAZZA, C. DEANGELI, H. WAGENKNECHT, L. TURIANSKY). LIST OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REPORTED SEPTEL.

3. CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE (POUCHED) SAID SPONSORS (FOUR EUROPEAN WORKERS OF ILO GOVERNING BODY) SHOULD INVITE EUROPEAN NATIONAL CENTERS TO CONSIDER DESIRABILITY OF FURTHER CONFERENCE IN 1976 TO EVALUATE WHAT HAD BEEN DONE AND WHAT MIGHT BE DONE, ESPECIALLY IN CONNECTION WITH ILO ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN JUNE, 1976, WHICH WILL CONSIDER PROBLEMS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. ON NATURE OF EAST-WEST CONTACTS, COMMUNIQUE STATED QUOTE: THE TRADE UNION CENTRES TAKING PART IN THE CONFERENCE REAFFIRMED THAT THE DEVELOPING CONTACTS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CENTRES DID NOT AMOUNT TO THE CREATION OF NEW ORGANIZATIONS, AND THAT THEY MUST BE CONCENTRATED ON PRACTICAL TRADE UNION ISSUES. THEY RECOGNIZED THAT THEY BELONGED TO DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS, AND HELD DIFFERENT IDEOLOGICAL VIEWS, BUT ACCEPTED THAT, WITHIN THIS CONTEXT, COOPERATION BETWEEN EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CENTERS IS POSSIBLE AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NECESSARY ON TRADE ISSUES AND NOTABLY ON THE ISSUES WHICH WERE DISCUSSED BY THIS CONFERENCE. END QUOTE.

4. THE CONFERENCE PASSED ON ITS TWO TECHNICAL DECLARATIONS (PARA 1 ABOVE) TO ILO/DG FOR CONSIDERATION IN PERTINENT ILO WORK, AND EXPRESSED ITS SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATION OF ILO SECOND EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE PROPOSING REGULAR EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCES; CONFERENCE ALSO

ASKED ILO TO SET UP REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR EUROPE.

5. ILO/DG TOLD US HE HAD TURNED DOWN INVITATION TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE AND TO HOST SOCIAL EVENT. HE DID MAKE AVAILABLE TO CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS SUMMARY PAPER OF ILO WORK IN FIELDS OF WORKING CONDITIONS, WORK ORGANIZATION, ERGONOMICS AND WORKERS PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING. HE SAID SPONSORS WOULD BE BILLED FOR USE OF ILO FACILITIES UNDER GENERAL POLICY OF MAKING ILO BUILDING AVAILABLE AT A FEE FOR USE BY OUTSIDE GROUPS (PARA 2, REF A).

6. COMMENT: LACK OF AGREEMENT TO DO ANYTHING MORE THAN REPEAT NEXT YEAR TECHNICAL AND NON-POLITICAL AGENDA OF THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE DOES NOT SEEM IN SHORT RUN TO MOVE SOVIETS CLOSER TO THEIR GOAL OF INCREASING INFLUENCE OF EUROPEAN LABOR MOVEMENTS (REFTELS). BECAUSE WORK ENVIRONMENT APPEARS ON AGENDA OF ILO JUNE 76 CONFERENCE, WE UNIONS MAY BE WILLING TO MEET AGAIN WITH EE COUNTERPARTS TO COMPARE NOTES (CYRIL TIDMARSH, REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR MIDDLE EAST AND EUROPE, PROBABLY FAVORS THIS AS WELL AS REGIONAL ACTIVITIES PROPOSED PARA 4, ABOVE). DALE

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